**Village Health Guide Scheme**

295. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that "Village Health Guide" scheme is launched as per the National Health Policy document of 1983, for the community involvement and participation;

(b) if so, whether this scheme is in operation;

(c) if so, what is the feedback to Government; and

(d) if it is not in operation what are the reasons for winding up this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHAN KARANAND): (a) No, Sir. This sche me as 100 per cent centrally sponsored Family Welfare scheme came into opera tion with effect from 1st December, 1981.

(b) Yes. Sir.

(c) It is under implementation.

(d) Does not arise.

**Eradication of leprosy**

296. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA; SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank has made available 85 million desiars for India for total eradication of leprosy in the country by the year 2000;

(b) if so what are the details of the scheme/programme;

(e) what role, if any, would be as-signed to non-government bodies;

(d) the progress made so far in the National Leprosy Eradication Programme indicating the year-wise targets and actual achievement; and

(e) the derails of the programme as developed under the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) The World Bank has approved assistance of dollars 85 million for achieving elimination of leprosy by 2000 A. D. which would mean bringing down the prevalence rate to less than one per 10,000 population. The assistance would be utilised for extension of National Leprosy Eradication Programme services in 66 endemic districts, 77 moderately endemic districts and the isolated endemic pockets in the remaining districts, disability and ulcer cure management services, IEC activities and manpower development under the Programme.

(c) Involvement of non-Governmental organisation in the Programme would be continued.

(d) A statement giving details of targets and achievements is attached. (see below).

(e) During the 8th Plan the Multi Drug Therapy would be extended to the remaining uncovered areas.

**Statement**

| Year | Case Detection | | Case Treatment | | Case | Discharged |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Target | Achievement | Target | Achievement | Target | Achievement |
| 1990-91 . | 369080 | 481636 | 369050 | 474108 | 881020 | 984790 |
| 1991-92 . | 335200 | 512836 | 335200 | 509667 | 612500 | 820080 |
| 1992-93 . | 289600 | 547686 | 289600 | 841078 | 573900 | 1052823 |